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# **SNAPDRAGONS**

# **Outstanding Selections**

"All Snapdragons Sold in Originator's Packets"

# SNOWMAN-I

(Ball)

A pure white, with a graceful spike.

Trade Packet \$3.50

# NATIVE DANCER-F

Light pink—shade darker than rosebud

Trade Packet \$3.50

# REBECCA-F

(J. S. Yoders)

New Medium Pink, similar to Christina

Trade Packet \$3.50

# BARBARA-F

Early hybrid bronze.

Trade Packet \$3.50

# LIBBY-I

Dark rose pink.

Trade Packet \$3.50

# HERCULES—I

Good light Pink for spring

Trade Packet \$3.50

### WAR ADMIRAL—F

Excellent medium yellow.

Trade Packet \$3.50

# **ROCKWOOD HYBRID WHITE No. 5—F**

Good early white.

Trade Packet \$3.50

F-Fast Varieties

I-Intermediate Varieties

Quantity prices will be allowed — with a cash discount for cash with order.

All seed is mailed free to any point in the United States

NOTICE—We do not warrant in any way, expressed or implied the contents or the description, quality, productiveness, or any other matter of any seeds, bulbs or plants sold by us, and we will not be in any way responsible for the crop. If the purchaser does not accept these terms, the merchandise must be returned at once, and no sale is made thereof. All advance orders accepted subject to crop failure and any other causes beyond our control. ALL CLAIMS MUST BF

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# For Greenhouse Forcing

"All Snapdragon Seed Sold in Originator's Packets"

CHAIL MADE SHADES	Price Per Tr. Pkt.		rice Per
F—Chevy Chase Pink, pastel pink, darker tha	n	F—Seabiscuit, yellow	3.50
Maryland	\$3.50	F—Schlegel's Early Yellow, newF—War Admiral, early yellow, follows Day Star	2.00 3.50
F—Christina, light pink hybrid (mixed with white)	2.50		3.30
F—Crusader, light rose pink, similar to Dorcas		RED	
Jane	3.50	I—Maryland Red, early bright Red	3.50
I—Hercules (Ball), Light pink for spring	3.50	I—Navajo, all purpose Red Snap	3.50
Kathleen, pastel pink, long spike, well placed florets	3.00	F—Priscilla Ann, early hybrid crimson	3.50 3.00
I—Libby, hybrid, dark rose pink		LAVENDER SHADES	
F-Mary Ellen, hybrid, light clear pink, popula			
F-Maryland Pink Imp., early light pink		F—Lavender Lady, rosy-lavender, for late winter	
I—New Times, early bright deep rose		and spring  I—Lavender Rose, excellent color, very late	3.50 2.00
I—Peggy Schumann, medium deep pink		I—Maryland Lavender, clear orchid lavender	3.50
F—Pensive, dark rose pink		I—Windmiller's Lilac, early	2.00
Pink Star, dark pink		BRONZE SHADES	
F—Pompey, light rose pink		DROINZE SHADES	
I—Rockwood Pink Supreme, a good color and		F—Afterglow, deep golden bronze	1.50
producer		F—Barbara, new hybrid bronze pink throat,	0.50
I—Spartan Rose, rose-pink hybrid, flowers wit	h	bronze lips  F—Cavalcade, lively golden bronze	3.50 3.50
Margaret		F—Gallant Fox, deep orange bronze	3.50
Star Charter, rose pink		F—Glorious, deep reddish copper	1.50
F—Top Flight, light rose pink	3.00	Jubilee, light bronze hybrid	3.50
F—Rockwood Early Hybrid Pink, No. 1 good pastel shade	3.50	I—Lady Dorothy, copper red	3.00
F—Whirlaway, light pink, slightly deeper than		I—Maryland Orange, orange bronze Hybrid I—Sunbriar, bronze	3.50 3.50
Mary Ellen	3.50		0.50
I—Anne Marie, Clear, medium Pink for late		WHITE	
flowering	3.50	I—Apollo, ivory white similar to Margaret	3.50
I—Maryland Flamingo, New 1958, Bright summer Hybrid, shatter resistant	3.50	I—Crystal White, new pure white for late flow-	
F—Potomac Pink, medium light Hybrid full	. 0.50	ering I—Feist's White	3.00 2.00
spike, summer variety	3.50	F—Jet Pilot, medium early paper white	3.50
F-Rebecca, similar in color to Christina, early		Junglewood White, dazzling white, mid winter	
V=11.011		F—Margaret, ivory white, good producer	2.00
YELLOW		F—Maryland White, early paper white F—Meines Hybrid White, earlier than Margaret	3.50 3.00
I—Day Star, early yellow	3.50	F—Rockwood Early White, early and good	3.00
I-Golden Spike, golden-yellow, for late winte		grower	2.00
and spring		F—Rockwood Hybrid White No. 5, good early	
I-Gold Mine, deep golden yellow	. 3.00	white	3.50
I—Goldrush, new hybrid yellow, compact		I—Snowdrift, double white late I—Snowman (Ball's), pure white	3.00 3.50
spikes	. 3.50	I—Snow Hybrid, fringed pure white	3.00
F—Patricia, new hybrid yellow, long spikes,	2.50	I—Spartan White, mid-winter pure white	3.00
early		I—Tommy Armstrong, pure white, long stem	
Potomac Yellow, summer variety		and spike (inbred)	3.00
I—Rockwood Hybrid Yellow, good quality	. 3.00	I—Twenty Grand, medium early ivory white	3.50
<b>F</b> —Fast Varieties		I—Intermediate Varieties	D 0
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# YODER BROTHERS HYBRIDS

\$3.50 Per Packet

# WHITE

- **F—Albion**, paper white hybrid fourteen days later than White Knight.
- **F—Jet Pilot**, a medium paper white long spikes; similar to White Wonder in form; much greater vigor.
- F—White Knight, Imp. paper white. Medium to long compact spikes, well placed florets. Growth is firmer and less grassy than Snowman and flowers earlier.

# **IVORY**

- I—Apollo, larger flowered and more vigorous than Margaret, similar to that variety.
- **F—Citation**, earlier than Margaret, Apollo or Twenty Grand. Large ruffled floret. Vigorous and uniform. Compact floret spacing on long spikes.
- **I—Twenty Grand,** a medium early winter flowering variety.

# **LAVENDER**

**F—Bold Venture,** early, uniform, hard stem. Medium floret size. Color is best described as rich lavender.

### LIGHT PINK

- **I—Nashua**, light Rose Pink Hybrid Highly shatter-proof, compact spike.
- **F—Rosebud**, pastel pink with long spikes and giant sized florets. Color holds well thru April. Strong stems.
- **F—Top Flight,** earlier than Christina. Nearly identical with that variety in color, floret size and length of spike. Greater vigor and more uniform.
- **F—Whirlaway**, medium early; large florets; close spacing; long spike; a little deeper color than Mary Ellen.

# **ROSE PINK**

- F—Crusader, color and season that of Dorcas Jane.
- **F—Pompey**, color little deeper than Dorcas Jane. Earlier, more vigor, uniformity of growth and closer floret spacing than Dorcas Jane.

F-Fast Varieties

# **ROSE PINK**

- **F—Rowena**, light rose pink with medium to long spikes. Flowers ahead of Crusader or Pompey. Bunches well.
- I—Native Dancer, light rose pink, mid-December thru early May.
- **F—Wintergreen**, light rose pink of good quality. Good compact spikes. Complete lack of grassiness.

# **DARK PINK**

- F—Pensive, a little later than Christmas Cheer but stronger. Large florets.
- F—Prestige, lustrous dark pink. A new color in the Yoder Class.

# YELLOW

- I—Brokers Tip, deep yellow with medium florets. Little or no side growth. Flowers after Seabiscuit. Well adapted for late flowering.
- **F—Seabiscuit**, uniform, vigorous, excellent floret form; follows War Admiral, Patricia and Day Star. Outstanding winter or spring.
- I—Swaps, true winter Yellow Hybrid large showy florets.
- **F—War Admiral,** just follows Day Star. Closer spacing and somewhat larger florets.

### BRONZE

- **F—Cavalcade**, a lively golden bronze, extremely vigorous, long spikes, outstanding keeper.
- **F—Gallant Fox**, deep orange bronze, similar in color to Lady Dorothy; much stronger and vigorous; compact floret placement; a little earlier than Barbara.

### RED

- **F—Commando,** pleasing red, plus earliness. Good novelty.
- F-Man-O-War, intense color late December.
- I—Intermediate Varieties

# EFFICIENCY IN SNAPDRAGON VARIETIES FOR GREATER PROFIT

The final criterion for a good snapdragon variety is its ability to produce profitable crops. Producing that crop with the lowest possible cost continues to be the problem of major importance. Seven month crops, 50-54° temperatures, pinching, pruning and suckering add greatly to crop costs.

Cost conscious growers are gradually learning to appreciate the savings in crop time, temperature and labor that direct benching of small seedlings, single stem procedure with closer spacing and lower temperatures provide.

The full potential for lower cost crops bred into **the newer hybrid snaps** has not yet been fully realized. With their improved vigor, increased uniformity, cleaner growth and lower temperature tolerance they offer a real contribution to improved efficiency.

# The classification of snapdagon varieties should be based on their response to a given temperature.

Many of our so-called winter flowering varieties are outstanding in the spring program. Many of the so-called spring varieties can be flowered in winter if the higher proper temperature and longer timing environments are provided. The summer, high temperature group requires the higher temperatures for maximum performance.

Given night minimums of 46° the first, fast group tolerates the low temperature and produces high quality to most efficient advantage. The second, intermediate group flowers very slowly and frequently uneven. The third, slow group often goes blind or becomes extremely vegetative.

Given night minimums of 50° the fast group flowers rapidly. Under low light conditions spikes are often too short and non-continuous. With the brighter days of early spring, performance is markedly improved. The intermediate group requires this minimum for winter flowering and tolerates well somewhat higher temperatures for spring crops. The slow group continues to vegetate.

Given night minimums of 54° and higher the fast group is forced too rapidly with premature flowering on shortened, thin stems. The intermediate varieties also mature too rapidly. Short spikes and lowered quality are the result. The slow group elongates uniformly and achieves maximum performance with this environment.

The most efficient snapdragon programs utilize the fast varieties for flowering during the winter and spring.

Growing the **intermediate varieties** during these periods is more costly in terms of growing time and required temperature.

The slow group is best restricted to summer high temperature flowering.

True hybrid vigor in snapdragons must include more than just increased production, through rapid growth and uniformity.

Within each color group the varieties are described and listed in their normal sequence of flowering. Each variety is further classified according to temperature response. This permits easy reference to the suggestions given for sowing and planting for any desired flowering date.

The recommendations are based on bench culture in a 40-45 latitude.

# SNAPDRAGON FLOWERING SCHEDULES

(60 degrees minimum sowing temperature)

(46-48 degrees minimum growing temperature)

Respor	ıse						Response	е					
Group	Sow	Plant	Spacin	g	Flowerin	ıg	Group	Sow	Plant	Spacing	9	Floweri	ng
Fast	8/13	8/30	4 x 5		- Jan.		Interm.	8/13	8/30	4 x 5	Jan.	10 - Jan. :	29
	8/23	9/13	4 x 5	Dec. 27	- Jan. 1	5		8/23	9/13	4 x 5	Jan.	24 - Feb.	12
	8/30	9/20	$4 \times 5$	Jan. 10	- Jan. 2	29		8/30	9/20	4 x 5	Feb.	7 - Feb. :	26
	9/ 2	9/23	4 x 5	Jan. 24	- Feb. 1	2		9/2	9/23	4 x 5	Feb.	21 - Mar.	12
	9/6	9/27	4 x 5	Feb. 7	- Feb. 2	26		9/6	9/27	4 x 4		7 - Mar.	
	9/13	10/4	4 x 5	Feb. 21	- Mar. 1	2		9/13	10/4	4 x 4	Mar.	21 - Apr.	2
	9/17	10/11	4 x 4	Mar. 7	- Mar. 1	9		9/17	10/11	4 × 4		4 - Apr.	
	9/24	10/18	4 x 4	Mar. 21	- Apr.	2		9/24	10/18	4 × 4	Apr.	18 - Apr. :	30
	10/1	10/25	4 x 4	Apr. 4	- Apr. 1	6	1	0/1	10/25	4 x 4		2 - May	
	11/8	12/6	4 x 4	Apr. 18	- Apr. 3	0	1	1/8	12/6	4 × 4	May	16 - May :	28
	12/24	1/24	4 x 4	May 2	- May 1	4	1	2/24	1/24	4 x 4	,	30 - June	
	1/7	2/7	4 × 4	May 16	- May 2	8					,,,,		

# MISCELLANEOUS SEEDS

# **CANDYTUFT**

Giant Hyacinth Flowered White, superior strain, growing 11/2 feet high, excellent strain.

Tr. pkt. 25c; 1 oz. 90c; 1/4 lb. \$3.00; 1 lb. \$10.00

### CINERARIA

Cremer Improved Prize Strain (Re-Selected), small foliage, tremendous heads of flowers in bright colors.

Tr. pkt. \$1.75; 1-64 oz. \$2.50; 1-32 oz. \$4.50 Multiflora Nana Mixture, small flowers, very dwarf Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1-32 oz. \$3.00

Multiflora Nana, gold center.

Trade Packet, \$1.25

Siters Rainbow Strain (Re-selected)

Trade pkt. \$2.00; 1-64 oz. \$2.75

### DELPHINIUM

**Giant Pacific Hybrids:** 

Blue Bird, clear medium blue, white bee.

Cameliard, pure lavender self, white bee.

Galahad, enormous clear white, white bee.

Guinevere, light pink, lavender self, white bee.

King Arthur, brilliant royal violet, large white bee.

Summer Skies Series, clearest light blue, white bee.

Tr. pkt. \$1.50; 1-8 oz. \$2.50; 1/4 oz. \$4.50

1 oz. \$15.00

Finest Mixture, well balanced mixture of Pacific Giants.

Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1-8 oz. \$2.00; 1/4 oz. \$3.50 1 oz. \$12.00

Miscellaneous Types:

Blackmore & Langdon Hybrids, good strain.

Tr. pkt. 40c; 1/4 oz. \$1.00; 1 oz. \$3.50

Belladonna Improved (Cliveden Beauty), turquoise blue.

Tr. pkt. 40c; 1/4 oz. \$1.25; 1 oz. \$3.75

Bellamosum Improved, large deep blue.

Tr. pkt. 40c; 1/4 oz. \$1.25; 1 oz. \$3.75

Lamartine, deep bright marine blue, good cut flower habit.

Tr. pkt. 55c; 1/4 oz. \$1.50; 1 oz. \$5.00

# GYPSOPHILA (Baby's Breath) Annual

Covent Garden Strain, pure white.

1 oz. 30c; 1/4 lb. 75c; 1 lb. \$2.50

London Market Improved, taller and later than Covent.

1 oz. 25c; 1/4 lb. 75c; 1 lb. \$2.25

# **LARKSPUR**

# (Giant Imperial or Base Branching)

Blue Bell, clear mid-blue.

Brilliant Rose (New), deep salmon rose, with brilliant

Dazzler, rich scarlet.

Gloria Improved, deep salmon rose.

Lilac King, rich lilac, full double.

Miss California, deep rose on salmon.

Pink King, soft shade of salmon rose.

Sweet Lavender, lavender color.

White King, best white.

Finest Mixed, named varieties.

Tr. pkt. 30c; 1 oz. \$1.25; 4 oz. \$4.00

1 lb. \$13.00

(Super Majestic), rose pink, bright rose, deep salmon pink, lavender, medium white, large flowered.

Tr. pkt. 30c; 1 oz. \$1.25; 1 lb. \$13.00

Regal Strain, lilac, white, salmon rose.

Tr. pkt. 40c; 1/2 oz. \$1.10; 1 oz. \$2.00

### **PANSIES**

Color Carnival, the best American strain. Large flow-

Tr. pkt. \$1.50; 1-8 oz. \$3.75; 1/4 oz. \$7.00; oz. \$22.00 Englemann's Giant Mixture (originator seed), dark and light shades, huge flowers compact and early flow-

Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1/4 oz. \$6.00; 1 oz. \$18.00

Roggli Swiss Giant Elite Mixed

Tr. pkt. \$1.50; 1-8 oz. \$3.75; 1/4 oz. \$7.00 1 oz. \$22.00

Maple Leaf Giants, large flowering strain.

Tr. pkt. 65c; 1-8 oz. \$1.65; 1/4 oz. \$3.00 1 oz. \$10.00

Greenhouse Winter Pansy, tall long-stemmed, giant flowers

Tr. pkt. \$1.10; 1-16 oz. \$2.00; 1-8 oz. \$3.50

Steele's Butterfly Hybrids-Excellent colors. 1-16 oz. \$2.50; 1-8 oz. \$3.50; 1/4 oz. \$5.60

1 oz. \$17.50

Tr. pkt. \$1.25; 1-8 oz. \$3.00 Jumbo Mixed-1/4 oz. \$5.10; 1 oz. \$16.50

# STOCK

### NON BRANCHING

Butterscotch No. 26, good color.

Apricot, large flowered creamy buff.

Dark Blue

Gardenia, shimmering white.

Ball White No. 16

Rose Pink, clear rose pink.

Ruby, crimson red.

Silver Lilac, lilac lavender.

Yellow Wonder, rich creamy yellow.

Tr. pkt. \$1.25; 1/4 oz. \$2.75; 1 oz. \$10.00

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# Fall and Spring Planting

**NARCISSUS** 

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**GLOXINIAS** 

# FIELD GROWN CARNATIONS

We can supply your needs in Field Grown Carnations for the 1958 Season; clean well branched Field Grown Stock July and later.

Note: Write for prices and further information on Bulbs and Carnations

# MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES

# **BIRD VITA-BANDS—10**

Will usually contain root growth up to 8 to 10 weeks. Nutrient treated.

### Sold in units of 2000 only

Per	1000
$1^{3}/_{4} \times 1^{3}/_{4} \times 2^{1}/_{2}$ "	5.00
2 x 2 x 2 ½ ''	5.25
2 x 2 x 3"	5.75
2½ × 2½ × 3"	6.25
3 x 3 x 3"	6.90
4 × 4 × 3"	
4 x 4 x 4"	11.25

# **BIRD PERENNIAL POTS**

Excellent for many varieties of perennials, roses, bulbs, vines and shrubs.

# Sold in units of 1000 only

Height	1	Per 1000
5 ½ -in.	***************************************	\$47.50
6½-in.	***************************************	. 58.50
9 ½ -in.	*******	69.00

# **BIRD VITA-BANDS—H**

Will control root growth of those plants that demand extra long growing periods. Nutrient treated.

# Sold in units of 1000 only

P	er 1000
$1^{3}/_{4} \times 1^{3}/_{4} \times 2^{1}/_{2}$	\$6.10
2 x 2 x 2 ½ ''	6.45
2 x 2 x 3''	7.55
2½ x 2½ x 3"	8.10
3 × 3 × 3"	8.50
4 × 4 × 3''	10.45
4 x 4 x 4"	12.90

# **BIRD PEAT POTS**

(Strength and Nutrition)

	Quantity
	Packed
Per 1000	Per Case
2 1/4 '' \$ 8.15	2000
4'' 14.15	2000

# **BIRD RED PAPER POTS**

# Sold in units of 1000 only

	er 1000
2''	.\$ 8.60
21/4''	. 8.60
21/2''	
3"	. 9.15
3 1/2 ''	
4"	. 14.70
5''	. 18.15
6''	. 22.25

# JIFFY POTS

Molded Peat, Pot-Growing Container

Price Per 1000

21/4" (Packed 3000 per carte	on)
,000 to 18,000\$	7.25
1,000 up	6.75
3" (Packed 1500 per cartor	1)
,500 to 9.000 <b>*</b>	13 25

10,500 up ...... 12.25

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# **SUNDRIES**

HORMODIN No. 1	
ROOTONE—a plant Hormone powder for rooting cuttings	
PLANTHION—Wettable, 15% (For outdoor use only). Good	
good for Red Spiders	
SNAROL PELLETS—Cutworms, snails, etc.	6 lbs.— 2.00
LETHALAIRE	
G-52 G-53 G-54 G-57	G-60 G-61 G-62
5% TEPP 5% DDT 10% Parathion 5% Dithiono \$6.50 \$8.50 \$8.00 \$8.00	10% Aramite Lindane-Aramite 15% Malathion \$12.00 \$12.50 \$9.75
GAS MASK G-3 F D—Complete with Canister, cardboard carto	n\$27.00
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EXTRA CANISTERS	
LETHALAIRE APPLICATORS—24" with cylinder pack	
2.14.7	
CUPRINOL GREEN-10—This wood preservative can be used to	o protect your frames, seed boxes, benches, flats
and stakes	70; 5 gal. can—\$22.00; 50 gallon drum—\$190.00
CUPRINOL FOR DIPPING	5 gal. can—\$14.25; 50 gallon drum—\$119.25
WATER SOLUBLE F	EDTII 17ED
PETERS SPECIAL FER	
	5-10-20 Carnation Special—7.00
	6- 4-12 Easter Lily Special—7.00
20- 5-30 Potash Special—6.50 2	1- 7- 7 Azalea Special—6.50
FUMIGANTS, INSECTICIDES	Etc., for Florists
DEENATE 50-W-DuPont DDT Wettable Powder	4 lbs.—\$2.50, 25 lbs.—\$18.75
5% D.D.T. for dusting	5 lb. cans—\$ 1.25
DOW'S "MIKE" SULPHUR DUST	10 lb. bag—\$1.50; case of 6 10-lb. bags—\$ 8.00
TERRACLOR—Useful in control of stem rot—Carnations, Poinse	ttias, Chrysanthemums 5 lb. bag—\$ 5.50
FERMATE	
PARZATE—Excellent organic fungicide	3 lbs.—\$2.70; Case (12 3-lb. bags)—\$31.20
ZERLATE	•
ARAMITE, 15 W	
OPTOX—Effective insecticide	
ORTHOCIDE 50-W (Captan)	the state of the s
DU PONT SPREADER STICKER—Combined spreader and sticker. Pint—\$1.25	1 gallon—\$9.00
NICO-FUME LIQUID	
PLANTFUME 1035,000 cu. ft. carton	
MALATHION	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	1 Gal. Emulsion—\$12.50
VAPOTONE XX—The Red Spider spray of Hexaethyl Tetra-P	
Prices Subject To C	hange